



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **7**

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Bernie Schroder, Public Works Director *[Signature]*
Prepared By: Carie Huff, P.E., Associate Civil Engineer *[Signature]*
Date: May 13, 2013
Subject: Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project – Environmental Determination and Permission to Advertise

The Issue

Shall the City of Auburn find the Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities and shall the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for the Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project pending Caltrans approval?

Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council:

1. By **RESOLUTION**, find the Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities.
2. By **MOTION**, authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise for the Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project pending approval from Caltrans.

Background

Several environmental studies were completed for the Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) including a Phase I Initial Site Assessment, a Cultural Resource Analysis Report and a Historical Property Survey Report. After these studies were completed in September 2012, Caltrans determined that a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) and Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) was required based on the findings in the Phase I Initial Site Assessment. The Phase II Environmental Site Assessment was completed in late December and submitted to Caltrans in early 2013. The City received the National Environmental Policy Act Categorical Exclusion on February 11th, 2013.

In addition to the NEPA requirements, a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination must be obtained prior to the start of construction. City of Auburn staff completed an initial study for the project and determined that the project is categorically exempt per Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities.

The Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project is a federal safe routes to school project. Caltrans is responsible for oversight on federal aid projects; subsequently the City must receive authorization from Caltrans to release the project for advertisement and construction. Once the Right-of-Way Certification is

received (anticipated in June), staff will submit the Request for Authorization to Construct to Caltrans. Authorization for advertisement and construction from Caltrans is expected by the end of July.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Proceed with staff recommendations.
2. Do not proceed with staff recommendations.

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this project are federal funds that are administered by the State of California Department of Transportation under the Federal Safe Routes to School program as well as Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Following is a breakdown of the funding:

CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	\$102,033
City of Auburn CMAQ Match (11.47%)	\$15,693
Federal Safe Routes to School Program (includes additional funding)	\$896,579
<u>City of Auburn Safe Routes to School Match (10%)</u>	<u>\$89,657</u>
Total	\$1,103,962

The Safe Routes to School and CMAQ grants require the City of Auburn to match in an amount of \$105,350 and will be responsible for any additional money over the grant amount. It is anticipated that these funds will be allocated from the Highway 49 Traffic Mitigation Funds of which \$301,388 is available.

Following are the estimates to complete the project which include City of Auburn staff time, construction administration and materials testing (\$15,000, \$50,000 and \$10,000 respectively).

Coastland Civil Engineering Design	\$179,655
Bender Rosenthal, Inc. ROW Certification	\$69,100
Right-of-Way Acquisition	\$29,150
City of Auburn Staff Time (estimate)	\$15,000
Construction Administration (estimate)	\$50,000
<u>Construction Materials Testing (estimate)</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$352,905

The most recent preliminary engineer's estimate of probable construction costs is \$1,277,911 with an additional \$142,000 in non-participating costs (\$85,000 for PG&E pole and guy anchor relocation and \$57,000 for PCWA pipeline relocation). PCWA's portion of the project is fully reimbursable.

Attachments: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 13-

RESOLUTION TO FIND THE PALM AVENUE SIDEWALK AND BICYCLE LANE
PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

That the Palm Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project is categorically
exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section
15301 (c) Existing Facilities.

DATED: May 13, 2013

Kevin Hanley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk

I, Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk of the City of Auburn, hereby certify
that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a regular session meeting of
the City Council of the City of Auburn held on the 13th day of May 2013 by the
following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk

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